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THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...

...is approximately 190 dedicated professionals from organizations and agencies that are advancing Safe Routes to School (SRTS) in Minnesota...

...that builds skills in Minnesota communities to successfully implement SRTS, supporting partnerships between state and local agencies, municipalities, and advocacy organizations, and advocating for policy changes to support walking and bicycling to schools and improvements to the built environment...



...and makes Minnesota a state where all students, no matter their race, ethnicity, income level, age, ability, or geographic location, can walk and bicycle on routes that are safe, comfortable and convenient...

...because to be able to walk and bike safely makes health, learning, communities, and independence better for all of us.




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- MnDOT Updates
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MnDOT Updates SRTS State Network



MINNESOTA
**SAFE
ROUTES**
TO SCHOOL

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Office of Transit and Active Transportation



DEMONSTRATION PROJECT PILOT – MnDOT is developing a demonstration project toolkit to be used by communities working to bridge the gap between planning and construction. Demonstration projects can help build support for project concepts while piloting designs that make streets safer for everyone.

<https://apd.box.com/s/555b2z6vyvhxkmn9kk4v7g8lbt2dum5>

Infrastructure Solicitation

- Timeline: Fall
- Eligibility Changes
 - Require subdivision regs that require SRTS infrastructure in developments authorized after June 1, 2016.



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Infrastructure Solicitation - <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/infrastructure.html>

Information about funding eligibility:

http://www.dot.state.mn.us/saferoutes/documents/grant-eligibility-changes.pdf?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

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Other MnDOT Resources:

Crossing Guard/AAA Training online -

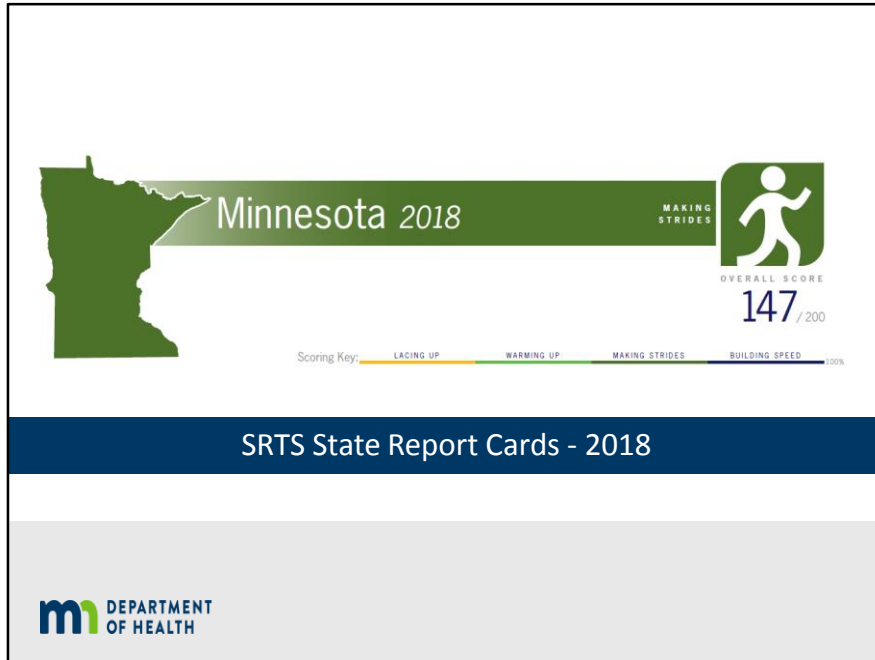
<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/training/mncrossing%20guard%20training/index.html>

Walk to School Day - October 10th, get it on the calendars, start talking about it now. - walkbiketoschool.org

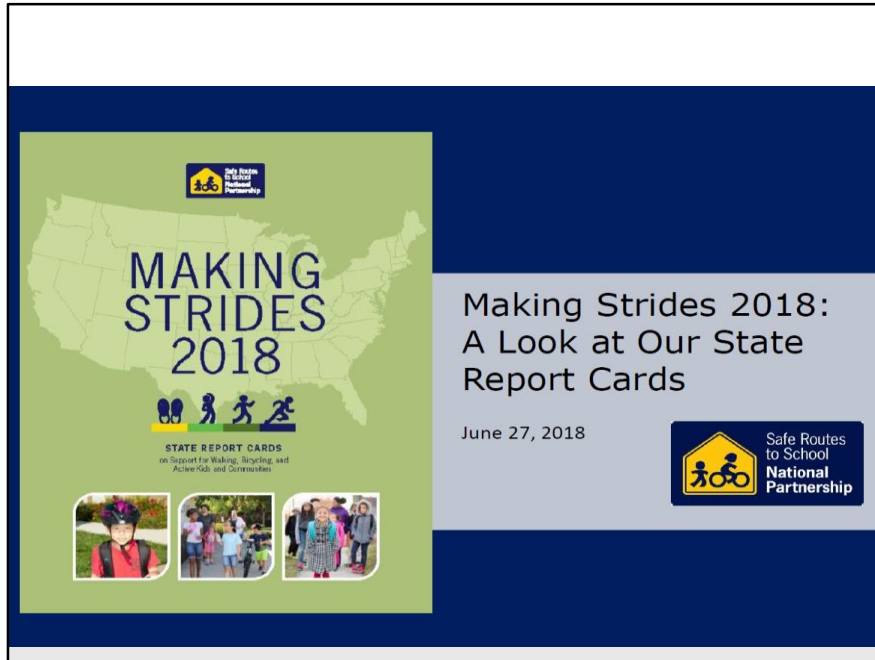
Ambassador Kits - <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/mnsaferoutes/wbf-application.html>

enews sign0-up -

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNDOT/subscriber/new?topic_id=MNDOT_161



SRTS State Report Card <https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/resources/report/2018-state-report-cards>



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WHY STATE REPORT CARDS?

Overall goal: Provide a snapshot of how supportive each state is of walking, bicycling, and physical activity for children and adults.

- First state report cards prepared in 2016
- 2018 report cards continue assessment in key areas and expanded topics



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MAPS AND ADDITIONAL DATA

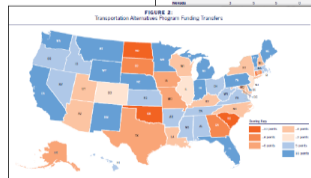
- Reflections and comparisons to 2016
- Maps illustrating key findings
- Appendices with scoring and grading by state, additional scoring breakdowns

Appendices

Appendix A: Scoring Breakdowns and Additional Transportation Scores by State

The table below provides a breakdown of the scores for each state, categorized by the type of transportation mode used. The scores are based on the following criteria: 1. Safety (25%), 2. Accessibility (25%), 3. Convenience (25%), and 4. Cost (25%). The scores are calculated based on the following criteria: 1. Safety (25%), 2. Accessibility (25%), 3. Convenience (25%), and 4. Cost (25%).

STATE	SAFETY	ACCESSIBILITY	CONVENIENCE	COST	TOTAL	GRADE
Alabama	1	1	1	1	4	D
Alaska	1	1	1	1	4	D
Arizona	1	1	1	1	4	D
Arkansas	1	1	1	1	4	D
California	1	1	1	1	4	D
Colorado	1	1	1	1	4	D
Connecticut	1	1	1	1	4	D
Delaware	1	1	1	1	4	D
District of Columbia	1	1	1	1	4	D
Florida	1	1	1	1	4	D
Georgia	1	1	1	1	4	D
Hawaii	1	1	1	1	4	D
Idaho	1	1	1	1	4	D
Illinois	1	1	1	1	4	D
Indiana	1	1	1	1	4	D
Iowa	1	1	1	1	4	D
Kansas	1	1	1	1	4	D
Kentucky	1	1	1	1	4	D
Louisiana	1	1	1	1	4	D
Maine	1	1	1	1	4	D
Maryland	1	1	1	1	4	D
Massachusetts	1	1	1	1	4	D
Michigan	1	1	1	1	4	D
Minnesota	1	1	1	1	4	D
Mississippi	1	1	1	1	4	D
Missouri	1	1	1	1	4	D
Montana	1	1	1	1	4	D
Nebraska	1	1	1	1	4	D
Nevada	1	1	1	1	4	D
New Hampshire	1	1	1	1	4	D
New Jersey	1	1	1	1	4	D
New Mexico	1	1	1	1	4	D
New York	1	1	1	1	4	D
North Carolina	1	1	1	1	4	D
North Dakota	1	1	1	1	4	D
Ohio	1	1	1	1	4	D
Oklahoma	1	1	1	1	4	D
Oregon	1	1	1	1	4	D
Pennsylvania	1	1	1	1	4	D
Rhode Island	1	1	1	1	4	D
South Carolina	1	1	1	1	4	D
South Dakota	1	1	1	1	4	D
Tennessee	1	1	1	1	4	D
Texas	1	1	1	1	4	D
Utah	1	1	1	1	4	D
Vermont	1	1	1	1	4	D
Virginia	1	1	1	1	4	D
Washington	1	1	1	1	4	D
West Virginia	1	1	1	1	4	D
Wisconsin	1	1	1	1	4	D
Wyoming	1	1	1	1	4	D

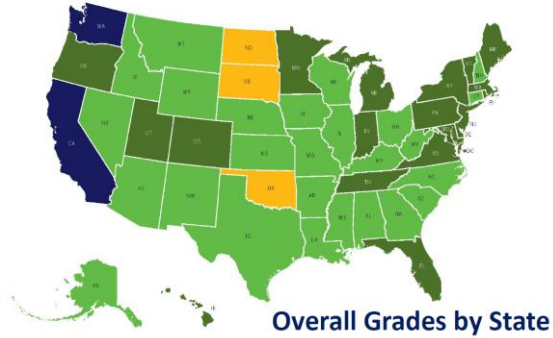


Minnesota is Ranked 3rd

1. California 185/200
2. Washington 155/200
3. Minnesota 147/200



Scoring Key: LAGGING (Orange), WARMING UP (Yellow), MAKING STRIDES (Green), BUILDING SPEED (Dark Green)



Optional Tagline Goes Here | mn.gov/websiteurl

Overall the Midwest is Ranked Low

SCORES BY REGION

REGION	Complete Streets / Active Transportation	Safe Routes to School/ Active Transportation Funding	Active Neighborhoods & Schools	State Physical Activity Planning	OVERALL
MID ATLANTIC	46.1	35.8	21.7	11.2	115.0
MIDWEST	27.9	31.1	14.8	9.9	83.8
MOUNTAIN WEST	31.8	30.1	17.1	9.9	89.7
NORTHEAST	43.6	31.3	18.5	10.8	104.3
SOUTH	32.2	21.9	11.5	11.3	78.6
WEST	50.6	43.2	27.2	12.2	133.2
Average Score Across States	36.5	30.7	17.1	10.6	95.8
TOTAL POSSIBLE	65.0	65.0	55.0	15.0	200.0

MN: Complete Streets and Active Transportation

COMPLETE STREETS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION



Complete Streets Policies	Adopted state Complete Streets policy(ies)	5 / 5
	Adopted strong core state Complete Streets commitment	5 / 5
	Addresses additional jurisdictions in state Complete Streets policy	5 / 5
	Addresses implementation in state Complete Streets policy	10 / 10
Design for Active Transportation	Adopted/endorsed NACTO guidelines	6 / 10
Active Transportation Planning	Adopted a state pedestrian, bicycle, or active transportation plan	10 / 10
Active Transportation Goals	Adopted goals to lower walking and bicycling fatalities	10 / 10
	Adopted goals to increase walking and bicycling mode share	10 / 10
		<u>61 / 65</u>

Complete Streets and Active Transportation



REFLECTIONS

Complete Streets Policies

- 34 states with Complete Streets policies
 - Legislation & DOT – 9 states
 - Legislation only – 9 states
 - DOT only – 16 states
- 30 states include mandatory requirements
- 26 states include language regarding jurisdictions other than state DOT
- 25 states address implementation

Active Transportation Planning

- 36 states with bicycle and/or pedestrian plans

MN: SRTS Active Transportation Funding

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Active Transportation Funding	Retained Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding without transfers	10 / 10
	Awarded TAP projects	10 / 10
	Obligated state-controlled TAP funds	10 / 10
	Provides special consideration for high-need communities	0 / 5
Safe Routes to School Funding	Provides matching funds for high-need communities	0 / 5
	Provides special consideration for Safe Routes to School projects using TAP funds	0 / 5
	Funds Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure projects	5 / 5
	Dedicates state funding for Safe Routes to School	5 / 5
Safe Routes to School Supportive Practices	Has state Safe Routes to School coordinator	5 / 5
	Provides technical or application assistance to Safe Routes to School initiatives	5 / 5
		50 / 65


SRTS Active Transportation Funding



REFLECTIONS

- Improved scores=more \$\$ for communities
 - 2 states went down a category
 - 12 states improved by 1 category
 - 4 states improved by 2 categories
- Specific to Safe Routes to School:
 - 11 states now have state funding
 - Only half fund non-infrastructure
 - Only one-third set aside/give extra points
- Specific to low-income communities and equity:
 - Only one-third give extra points/setaside
 - Only one-quarter help with matching

MN: Active Neighborhoods and Schools

ACTIVE NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOLS		
		
Shared Use of School Facilities	Adopted state policy supporting shared use of school facilities	10 / 10
	Provides funding/incentives in support of shared use of school facilities	5 / 5
School Siting and Design	Requires large school sites (minimum acreage guideline)	0 / 0
	Supports walking, bicycling & physical activity in school design guidelines	3 / 15
Physical Education	Adopted PE minutes & graduation requirements	0 / 15
Supportive Neighborhoods for Physical Activity	Level of access to recreation & community centers for youth	5 / 5
	Level of access to parks	3 / 5
		26 / 55

Active Neighborhoods and Schools



REFLECTIONS

- Shared use:
 - the number of states providing funding or incentives for shared use went from 2 to 13
- School siting assessment-first overview in over a decade of how states are doing:
 - 13 states still have detrimental large minimum acreages requirements
 - Half of the states encourage consideration of positive factors in school siting, such as walkability or colocation with parks

MN: Physical Activity Planning and Support

STATE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PLANNING



Adopted a state plan with commitments to physical activity	0 / 5
Dedicates state staff to physical activity	10 / 10
	10 / 15

Physical Activity Planning and Support



REFLECTIONS

- Many states have physical activity plans and staff supports in place
 - 39 states have some sort of plan that addresses physical activity in a meaningful way
 - 45 states have staff dedicated only to physical activity or as a portion of their job
- States that had lower overall scores and lower scores in the other topic areas are doing well in this topic area

State Report Card Links

[Website](#)

[Full report](#)

[MN Report](#)

[Webinar](#)



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SRTS Enforcement – Speed Sign



<https://trafficlogix.com/police-enforcement/>

- Records data (ie: speed of vehicle, number of vehicles, and time of day) that will be used to identify areas that are in need for traffic calming interventions and additional enforcement.
- Reports can be printed or exported.
- Solar powered
- Not weather dependent so can run 24/7
- Portable

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New Ulm Police Dept (NUPD) applied for SHIP funds to purchase the speed sign as a collaborative effort between their department and the various active living groups in Brown County. Law enforcement is represented on our SRTS committees, Active Living committees, and community activities around walking/biking (walk and bike to school days). Discussion around results of data being retrieved from this equipment is a standing item on the monthly SRTS and Active Living committee meeting agendas to assist these groups in determining next steps with planning and implementing traffic calming interventions around priority intersections identified within our SRTS plans.

They are also used to support traffic calming measures that are presented to decision making groups such as City Council.

We have used the signs in New Ulm and Springfield prior to, during, and after curb extension demonstration projects to evaluate effectiveness of the proposed street change. It has been used in the community of Sleepy Eye to prove there is high traffic volume and high speeds on a highway near the school that has been identified in our SRTS plan as an area that needs traffic calming intervention.

A barrier at this time is the time it takes to receive a report from the New Ulm Police

Department – I would suggest creating a system from the beginning that allows you to place the reports in a shared file (ie: google docs) so all who need access to them has it when they need it. We are having conversations about this issue currently and plan to establish a more streamlined approach.



Thank you!

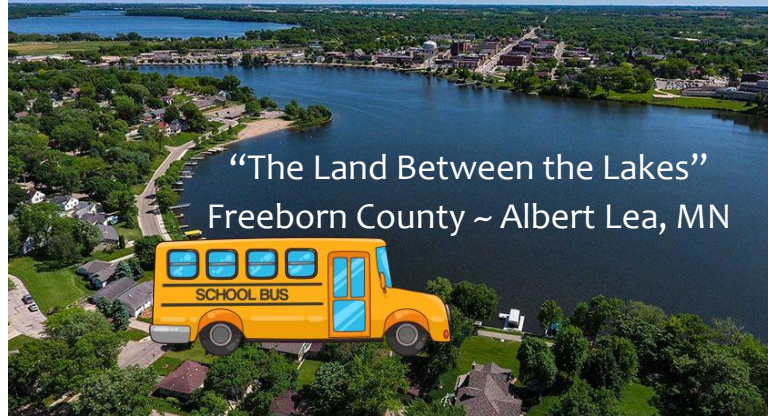
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Safe Routes to School



“The Land Between the Lakes”
Freeborn County ~ Albert Lea, MN

SRTS TEAM

- SHIP Coordinator
- Public Health Director
- City Engineers/ Civil Engineer
- City of Albert Lea Director of Public Works
- District 241 Maintenance/Groundskeeper
- Law Enforcement
- Blue Zones Lead
- Park and Recreation Director
- Community Education Director
- Youth Organizations/ Non-Profits





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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."



The primary goal of the planning assistance projects is to create actionable, prioritized SRTS plans that guide Minnesota communities in implementing infrastructure and programs to help more children walk and bicycle to school safely.

improvements







ALHS

FUTURE



Albert Lea School District approves \$24 Million Sports Complex Upgrades

CALEDONIA AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ~SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL~

- COMMUNITY & SCHOOL CONTEXT

- POPULATION OF CALEDONIA – 2,800
- CALEDONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVES CALEDONIA AND 3 SMALLER SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES
- FALL 2017 ENROLLMENT – 287
- LOCATED ALONG MAIN STREET, WHICH IS ALSO COUNTY 3, A KEY ARTERY THROUGH TOWN
- DIRECTLY TO THE WEST OF CAMPUS RUNS HIGHWAY 44, WHICH SERVES AS THE NORTH-SOUTH PASSAGE THROUGH TOWN
- MAIN STREET & HIGHWAY 44 ARE SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS TO WALKING & BIKING TO CALEDONIA ELEMENTARY
- PARENT SURVEY INDICATED:
 - 13% OF CHILDREN WALK TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING
 - JUST OVER 20% WALK HOME AFTER SCHOOL

CALEDONIA AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

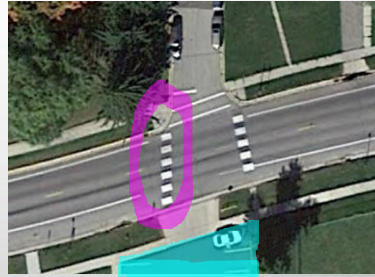
SRTS – SAFER CROSSING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

ISSUES THAT AFFECT DECISION TO ALLOW A CHILD TO WALK/BIKE TO/FROM SCHOOL
REPORTED BY PARENTS:

- 48% SAFETY OF INTERSECTIONS & CROSSINGS
- 51% SPEED OF TRAFFIC ALONG ROUTE
- 53% AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC ALONG ROUTE
- 15% CONVENIENCE OF DRIVING

*AS REPORTED BY PARENTS OF CHILDREN
CURRENTLY **NOT** WALKING TO SCHOOL

SOURCE: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PLAN, CALEDONIA
ELEMENTARY PARENT SURVEY





CALEDONIA AREA ELEMENTARY MADE CHANGES TO THEIR CROSSING AREAS AND WORKED COLLABORATIVELY ON A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT THAT INCLUDED INSTALLING TEMPORARY BOLLARDS TO SHORTEN THE CROSSING DISTANCE FOR STUDENTS AND AS A WAY TO CALM TRAFFIC DURING CROSSING TIMES.

"OUR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE HAS HELPED TO BRING AWARENESS AND EXCITEMENT AROUND GETTING STUDENTS TO WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL SAFELY. WE HAVE ADDED ROAD ELEMENTS TO INCREASE SAFETY AND HAVE PLANS TO CREATE BETTER AND LARGER AREAS FOR BIKE STORAGE."

--GINA MEINERTZ, CALEDONIA AREA
ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

"AS A CROSSING GUARD, OUR DAUGHTER FELT SAFER WITH THE BOLLARDS IN PLACE WHICH CREATED A SHORTER CROSSING DISTANCE AND THEY VERY NOTICEABLY REDUCED THE SPEED OF TRAFFIC DURING SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL CROSSING TIMES."

--FRANCIS, PARENT OF LIV
(5TH GRADE STUDENT & SAFETY PATROL
CAPTAIN)

DEMONSTRATION PROJECT WAS SO SUCCESSFUL THAT
PLANS ARE TO INCORPORATE PERMANENT CHANGES.

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CENTER FOR PREVENTION PODCAST



Explores themes related to health, health equity and community.

We hope to include community voices in our episodes, and are collecting stories for our March launch!

Please call in at 1-877-972-7563 and share your thoughts in 30 - 60 seconds on when and how you learned about being healthy.

www.centerforpreventionmn.com/podcast



The Center for Prevention is launching a new podcast!

First episode came out March 20, and focused on trends and traditions in health, and how they shift across generations. And we'd like to hear from you, or friends, family, students, teachers... Please call us at 1-877-972-7563 and share your thoughts in 30 - 60 seconds on when and how you learned about being healthy. Don't forget to give us your full name and phone number so we can contact you to follow up on your story. We look forward to hearing your stories.

The State We're In: Please call us at 1-877-972-7563. Tell us a time when you or someone you know felt othered and how it affected your health. What does it mean for you to feel like you belong? Why do you think it's important to belong to one another?

<https://www.centerforpreventionmn.com/podcast>

Facebook Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/centerforprevention/posts/2061738680509111>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [SRTS Academy Application](#) – To host a fall workshop, application deadline August 15, 2018

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214140517306540>

WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DATES:




~~OCTOBER 4TH, 2017~~

~~FEBRUARY 7TH, 2018~~

~~MAY 9TH, 2018~~



See you next year!!!

THE MINNESOTA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NETWORK...

MONTH July 18, 10:00 – 11:00 AM	TOPIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When Push Comes to Shove – When SHIP Pushed a Local SRTS Strategies • Equity Discussion
MONTH August 9, 10:00 – 11:00 AM (moved from Aug 16)	TOPIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN SRTS Evaluation Plan Launch
MONTH September 20, 10:00 – 11:00 AM	TOPIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pit Falls of Vision Zero

To join the Minnesota Safe Routes to School Network,
 email centercommunications@bluecrossmn.com

Please note change in August call date.

2018 MEETINGS

2018 Meeting Dates:

~~January 18~~

~~February 15~~

~~March 8 (revised from 15)~~

~~April 19~~

~~May 17~~

~~June 21~~

~~July 19~~

August 9 (revised from 16)

September 20

October 18/25

November 15

December 20

Call Time: 10:00 – 11:00AM



THANK YOU!